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In reply to your letter of 2 December 1948 in which you request instructions as to whether BBC personnel are to be attached to the Mediterranean Bureau and what their duties and status will be, I shall answer your question in this manner. First of all, it was agreed at the first meeting of the BBC Monitoring Service and FBIS held in Caversham on 20 May 1948 that the BBC and FBIS should have the right to post members of their staff at each other's station for the purpose of selecting material to meet their requirements. In accordance with this agreement, it was further established at the second meeting of the FBIS-BBC Monitoring Service Coordination Committee on 10 November 1948 in Washington that the BBC would post a liaison staff on Cyprus to insure maximum coordination with operations at Caversham and to assist in the organization and development of the new station.

It should be clearly understood that members of the BBC staff posted at Cyprus are to be there on a consultant rather than operational basis in that they will not occupy regular T/O positions and that they will have no authority with respect to details of the station's operation.

Every effort, of course, should be made to cooperate with the members of the BBC staff insuring that full use be made of their technical knowledge and experience.

The assumption that the monitors, who may be recruited and trained in England will be strictly FBIS employees, is correct. These employees will occupy established T/O positions and will perform their duties in the same manner as any other FBIS employees. You are also correct in your assumption that the personnel to whom Mr. Frost refers in his correspondence with you, are in addition to monitors recruited by BBC for your staff.

For your future information and guidance, I am forwarding a complete file on the reciprocal agreements which have been made between BBC and FBIS.

Since

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